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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jennifer A. Poker

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>August 23, 2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

General Status

1. This is a first action on the merits of RCE filed on August 23, 2004. Claims 1-26 are pending and are being examined.
2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Oath/Declaration

It does not identify the mailing address of each inventor. A mailing address is an address at which an inventor customarily receives his or her mail and may be either a home or business address. The mailing address should include the ZIP Code designation. The mailing address may be provided in an application data sheet or a supplemental oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.63(c) and 37 CFR 1.76.

It does not identify the city and either state or foreign country of residence of each inventor. The residence information may be provided on either on an application data sheet or supplemental oath or declaration.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1-11, no prior art of reference or combination thereof teaches a system for reducing the temperature of a coolant flowing through a power transformer cooling system, the system comprising a “first forced air heat exchanger connected to the transformer cooling system, a second liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger connected to the transformer cooling system, and a source of chillate connected to said second heat exchanger to provide chillate thereto for withdrawing heat from the coolant flowing through the second heat exchanger”.

Regarding claims 12-20, no prior art of reference or combination thereof teaches a system for reducing the temperature of a coolant flowing through a power transformer cooling system, the

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system comprising “a liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger connected to the transformer cooling system, the heat exchanger having a coolant inlet for receiving coolant at an elevated temperature from the cooling system, a coolant outlet for discharging coolant to the cooling system at a relatively lower temperature, a chillate inlet for receiving a liquid chillate, and a chillate outlet for discharging the chillate from the heat exchanger after absorbing heat energy from the coolant, and a source of liquid chillate connected to said heat exchanger to provide chillate thereto at a reduced temperature less than the relatively lower temperature”.

Regarding claims 21-26, no prior art of reference or combination thereof teaches a method for reducing the temperature of a coolant flowing through a transformer cooling system; the method comprising the steps of “(1) passing the coolant through a liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger to reduce the temperature of the coolant (2) passing a chillate through the heat exchanger to extract heat energy from the coolant; and (3) cooling the chillate using an absorption chiller driven by a heat energy storage component”.

Conclusion

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer A. Poker whose telephone number is 571-272-1997. The examiner can normally be reached on 4:30-3:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin G. Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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